

## **TITLE 18. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

### **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Board of Equalization (Board), pursuant to the authority vested in it by Government Code section 87306, proposes to amend California Code of Regulations, title 18, section (Regulation) 6001, *General Provisions*, and Appendices A and B to Regulation 6001, which contain the Board's Conflict of Interest Code (Code). The purpose of these amendments is to implement the requirements of Government Code sections 87300 through 87302 and 87306.

The Board proposes to amend its Code to include employee positions that involve the making or participation in the making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest, as set forth in Government Code section 87302, subdivision (a).

These amendments implement classification and organizational changes that have taken place at the Board since the Code was last amended on June 3, 2005. The proposed amendments update Appendix A to the Code to list only those positions at the Board that make or participate in the making of decisions which may foreseeably have a material financial effect on any financial interest as required by Government Code section 87302, subdivision (a). Therefore, the Board proposes to delete positions that are no longer used at the Board from Appendix A, and add new positions that make or participate in the making of decisions which may foreseeably have a material financial effect on any financial interest to Appendix A. The proposed amendments update the disclosure categories listed in Appendix B for the purpose of narrowly tailoring the disclosure requirements assigned to each position listed in Appendix A to the position's job duties, and to differentiate between similar positions listed in Appendix A with different levels of responsibility. The amendments also make minor stylistic and grammatical changes to Regulation 6001 and Appendices A and B, including those that were recommended by Fair Political Practices Commission staff, and update the Code's authority and reference note. Copies of the proposed amendments to the Code are available to interested persons and may be requested from the Contact Person set forth below.

The Board will conduct a meeting in Room 121, at 450 N Street, Sacramento, California, on January 21-22, 2015. The Board will provide notice of the meeting to any person who requests that notice in writing and make the notice, including the specific agenda for the meeting, available on the Board's Website at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov) at least 10 days in advance of the meeting.

A public hearing regarding the proposed regulatory action will be held at 9:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on January 21 or 22, 2015. At the hearing, any interested person may present or submit oral or written statements, arguments, or contentions regarding the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Code.

Any interested person may also submit written statements, arguments, or comments relating to the proposed amendments to the Code by submitting them in writing to the Contact Person set forth below no later than 9:30 a.m. on January 21, 2015, or as soon thereafter as the Board begins the public

hearing regarding the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Code during the January 21-22, 2015, Board meeting. The Board will only consider written comments received by that time.

The Board has prepared an Initial Statement of Reasons as a written explanation of the reasons for the proposed amendments to the Code and has available all of the information on which the amendments are based. Copies of the proposed amendments to the Code, the written explanation of the reasons, and the information on which the amendments are based may be obtained by contacting the Contact Person set forth below.

The Board has determined that the proposed amendments:

1. Impose no mandate on local agencies or school districts;
2. Impose no costs or savings on any state agency, local agency, or school district;
3. Impose no costs on any local agency or school district that are required to be reimbursed under part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of division 4 of title 2 of the Government Code;
4. Will not result in any nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies.
5. Will not result in any costs or savings in federal funding to the state.
6. Will not have any potential cost impact on private persons or businesses, including small businesses.

In making these proposed amendments, the Board must determine that no alternative considered by it would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the amendments are proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected persons than the proposed amendments.

All inquiries concerning the proposed amendments to the Code and any communication required by this notice should be directed to:

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